tensions. Some specific steps being taken by India in this regard are :

(*i*) India is expanding and improving its own Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme, which currently covers over 60 developing countries so as to make it more effective and purposive.

(*ii*) At the Nonaligned Summit held in Balgrade in September, 1989, India played a leading role in the establishment of a Summit Level Group of 15 countries for South-South Consultations and Cooperation.

(*iii*) India is fully supporting the South Commission which has been set up , among others, to review the present state of South-South cooperation and to make recommandations for expanding and strengthening it. India hosted the last meeting of the South Commission in New Delhi in November, 1989.

(*iv*) The Nonaligned Movement's Centre on Science pnd Technology has reently been set up in India, It is expected to become an important instrument for fostering cooperating among developing countries in the field of science and technology.

(b) The SAARC provides the forum for regional copperation in economic, social, technical and cultural areas, among the member countries and is thus an important aspect of South-South cooperation.

(c) India has advocated and worked for the adoption and implementation of schemes for greater people-to-people contact, free flow of information, harmonisation of policies in critical areas of cooperation and for the inclusion within the scope of SAARC, of core economic sectors such as trade, industry, money and finance.

Target for setting up of low power transmitters

272. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what were the targets of setting up of low Power Transmitters during the last two years of Seventh Five Year Plan ;

(b) whether these targets have been fulfilled ;

(c) if, so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reaosons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) to (d) 292 low power/very low power TV transmitters and transposers were scheduled to be commissioned into service during the last two years of Seventh Plan, *i.e.* 1988-89 and 1989-90. Where as 264 of these transmitters/transposers have been so far commissioned into service, the remaining ones are at various stages of implementation.

Second channel in Doordarshan Kendras

273. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal at present to have second channel in Doordarshan Kendras of Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?